1	2	3	4
Karnataka	630	383	441
Kerala	19	10	8
Andhra Pradesh	513	295	355
Tamil Nadu	651	424	600
Pondicherry	26	19	28
Nagaland	6	3	2
Goa	10	7	7
ALL INDIA	8232	5916	6144

N—Negligible.

Release of foreign exchange for bypass surgery in USA

930. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KID WAI; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of patients who went from India to the United State for by-pass-surgery of heart-disease and for treatment of cancer during the year 1983; and

(b) what was the amount of foreign exchange released to them by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Monopoly procurement of raw cotton

931. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleas ed to state:

(a) what are the advantage of monopoly procurement of raw cotton Jn the cotton growing States by the authorised agencies;

(b whether the ageneies are being subsidised by Government for procuring raw cotton at more than the support prices;

(c) if so, what is the excess amount paid so far in this way; and

(d) whether Government propose any review in this regard; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISETR OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) The raw cotton monopoly procurment scheme is in operation in one state only viz, Maharashtra. The main objective in introducing the scheme is to protect the cotton growers of Maharashtra from the exploitation by the traders. The Scheme ams at eliminating the middlemen in order to secure economic justice to the cotton growers. The said scheme is being operated through the Maharashtra State Co-operative Cotton Grow-Marketing Federation, an agency under the control of the state Government of Maharashtra.

(b) Government of India are not subsidising any agency for procuring raw cotton at more than the support prices.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.